

Remarks/Arguments

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 or 103

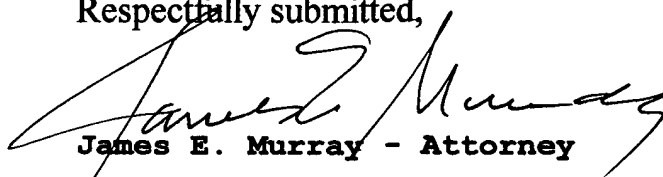
The claims are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated or under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin article entitled "Security Audit Trail Provision for Personal Computers" in Volume 37, dated June 1994.

In the present application, unauthorized access to a computer is disclosed by providing information to an authorized user to evaluate previous access to the computer. This information is stored in the writeable read only storage area used for storing passwords. The computer increments a value in that storage area of the number of power-on times that have occurred. The computer then displays the number of power-on times after the increment on an the user's display so the user can determine if any illicit computer access has occurred. Applicant's attorney did not find anything in the June 1994 TDB article which showed the use of the password writeable read only storage area for that purpose. Furthermore, the article states that a soft boot does not reset the memory protection mechanism.

All the claims in the application distinguish from the reference for the reasons given above. All independent claims call for storing the utilization information in the electrically writeable read only memory used for storing passwords. Further, certain of the independent claims, such as claims 1, 8, 14 and 16 call for using the controls used to read and write the password to read or write utilization information and block access to such utilization information. In addition, the independent claims call for writing utilization information when equipment resumes from a power saving mode. New claims 19, 20 and 21 recite the specific controls used by both for storing and accessing passwords and for controlling the utilization information.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable, and therefore it is requested that the application be reconsidered, allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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